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REQUIRED FEATURES OF EXPLOITATION SERVICES FOR
CHINESE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL LITERATUREA. Continuing

1. For periodicals, accessions list, which at regular intervals, say 6 months for each journal, will carry an annotation which describes the composition and scope, comments critically upon the nature of material covered (i.e., level of scholarship, whether original Chinese research and development, proportion devoted to review of presentation of Western or Soviet science and technology) and analyses changes and trends in these respects since the last annotation.
2. For books and monographic material, annotated accessions lists which describe scope, level of scholarship, and function within literature structure of China, i.e., college textbook, reference work, collected thesis, reviews etc.

Comment: To meet the needs of rapidly expanding science, technology and an industrial economy, China will be forced to provide supporting scientific and technical literature largely through translation and other adaptation of the relevant existing literature of the highly industrialized western countries and the USSR. Unless this situation is fully realized, particularly during the initial stages of the exploitation effort, much time and funds will be wasted in reassembling the hard way information already available on the science and technology of these other countries. In acting under the requirements above, exploiting officers should realize that the form and extent of these have been largely dictated by the considerations above and that therefore a high degree of discrimination must be exercised in preparing the annotations to give the analyst a feel for the nature of literature being received and for any changes which may occur.

B. Specifically Requested

1. Abstracts of articles.
2. Compact summaries, tables of contents, extracts, and full translations of articles, books and monographs, only following consultation insofar as practicable.
3. Special annotated bibliographies of primary source material on a given subject (purpose to show extent and nature of information available prior to initiating an extensive research project).
4. Systematic digests of widely dispersed Chinese language publications dealing with specifically defined subjects.

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